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Two Storytelling Concerts on August 8

GLENDALE, Ariz. – Elly Reidy is a woman on a mission—bringing enjoyment and enlightenment to anyone who likes a good tale. Elly, who is a Library Assistant III at Glendale Main Library, will be receiving a Certificate in Storytelling from the Storytelling Institute at South Mountain Community College next spring.

Over a period of several years, this devoted teller of tales will have taken a total of 30 credit hours. This summer, while doing a practicum, Elly has been traveling around Maricopa County sharing stories at far-flung smaller libraries, day care centers, and other settings where children are found.

For her practicum grand finale, she is holding two free storytelling programs in the auditorium of Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St., on Tuesday, August 8. The first one, from 7-7:30 p.m., is a Children's Concert, "Giggle, Giggle, Snicker, Snort!" It is appropriate for families, especially those with school age children and up. She will be telling stories such as "Squeaky Door," an interactive tale; "Stephanie's Ponytail," which involves a puppet; and "Fireflies," a sure pleaser.

"PG" is how Elly laughingly describes the 7:45-8:30 p.m. Adult's Concert, "Wandering Doesn't Mean I'm Lost." She will include personal stories as well as folk tales. The audience will be certain to enjoy this raconteur's tales of her recent trip to Antarctica.

No reservations are required to attend the August 8 story concerts.

This Baby Boomer is getting her Storytelling Certificate in preparation for a post-retirement career. What could be better than being foot loose and fancy free—sharing tales to countless children and adults across the land?!

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